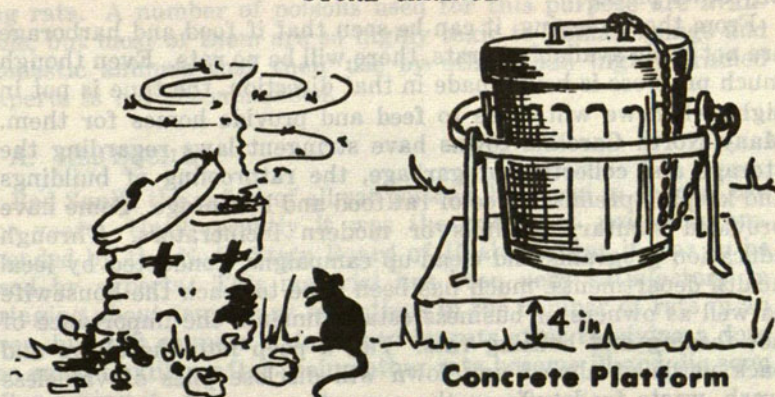


with the N. C. State Board of Health. Unfortunately, this activity is slow in achieving its goal due to the cost, lack of community organization, public indifference and individual opposition, as well as the need for continued inspection and maintenance. Ratproofing is strongly recommended by us as one of the effective measures against rats. In a bulletin of this type, it is not practical to go into detail regarding ratproofing materials, methods and equipment. It is suggested that those desiring complete information on this subject order "The Rat and Ratproof Construction of Buildings," Supplement No. 131, from the U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

B. ELIMINATION OF FOOD & HARBORAGE

The most effective method of eliminating rats is to deprive them of food and harborage. Even if all buildings in which food-stuffs are stored were to be completely ratproofed, our careless habits would still furnish room and board for rats. When garbage is thrown out on the ground or left in open containers, we are giving succor to the enemy. As most dwellings can be entered by rats, the housewife is encouraging their residency by providing a happy home in which they can live and raise large families when she leaves scraps or other food at any place they can get to or allows accumulations of trash to form in which they can build nests.

STORE GARBAGE



NOT LIKE THIS

BUT LIKE THIS

Foods should be treated as potential sustenance for rats from the moment they are acquired until final disposal of the garbage by adhering to the following practices: